Drive against exporters in Delhi

3121. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government recently started its dehoarding drive against rice exporters in the capital;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Ministry of Commerce has expressed its concern at the propects of fall in export of rice as a result of the drive;

(c) whether it is also a fact that most of rice exporters are carrying on their business without licence; and

(d) if so, steps being taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Delhi Administration conducted dehoarding checkings from 24-1-92 to 1-2-92 at different places belonging to 18 trader including rice exporters.

(b) The Ministry has no such information.

(c) and (d) The exporters, functioning without a licence, have been advised to obtain a licence and abide by the law in future.

Sri Lankan and Bangladesh refugees

4122. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of food being consumed by Sri Lankan, Tamil refugees and refugees who have come from Bangladesh; and

(b) the month and yearwise details thereof during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) Allocations of rice and wheat from the Central Pool to various States/Union Territories for the public distribution system are meant for the State as a whole and the distribution within the State, including its coverage and scale of issue to the consumers, is decided by the concerned State Government/Union Territory. The Central Government does not monitor the actual distribution of rice and wheat by any State/Union Territory for the consumption by Sri Lankan, Tamil refugees and refugees who have come from Bangladesh.

Production of Sugar

4123. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a phenomenal increase in the production of sugar this year;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to increase its export; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Sugar production during 1991-92 season till 29.2.1992 aggregated to 77.46 lakh tonnes (Provisional) as against 71.77 lakh tonnes till the end of February in 1990-91 season.

(b) and (c) Government had earlier approved export of 5.61 lakh tonnes of sugar. It has recently been decided to allow a further quantity of 2.5 lakh tonnes of sugar for export.

Sick sugar mills in the country

@4124. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: KUMARI ALIA:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of suck sugar mills in the country, State-wise;

(b) the reasons for increase in the number of sick sugar mills in the country;

(c) the names and number of sick sugar mills which have been revived or

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taken over by Government during the last three years, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for the revival of the remaining sugar mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) Under the provisions of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provision) Act, 1985, companies which become sick have to be referred to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). BIFR has reported that since 1987, 12 references relating to sugar factories have been received in which appropriate action is being taken under the provisions of the aforesaid Act. Information regarding sick sugar factories in the Cooperative and Public Sector is not maintained. The sickness of sugar factories depends upon a variety of factors which include cane availability, technical and managerial competence, size and condition of the plant and machinery and various other factors.

(c) and (d) During the last 3 years, Ministry of Food had not taken over any sugar factory. Revival of sick sugar factories referred to BIFR is undertaken as per the revival schemes, if any, approved by BIFR. However, out of the 12 sugar mills considered by BIFR, loans from the Sugar Development Fund have been sanctioned to 3 mills for rehabilitation/modernisation and to 4 mills for cane development schemes. 3 loan applications are under consideration.

राज सहायता को कम करने के लिए कीमतों में वृद्धि

@@4125. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :**
सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :

क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार द्वारा खाद्य पर दी जाने वाली राज सहायता को कम करने के उद्देश्य से पिछले कुछ महीनों के दौरान उचित दर की दुकानों के माध्यम से बेचे जाने वाले गेहूं, चावल, चीनी इत्यादि के मूल्यों में वृद्धि की गयी है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो चालू वर्ष के दौरान इस मूल्य वृद्धि से राज सहायता की राशि में कितनी कमी किये जाने की संभावना है ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि मूल्य वृद्धि के बावजूद इस वर्ष खाद्य वस्तुओं पर दी जाने वाली राज सहायता की राशि पिछले वर्ष दी गई राशि से कम होने की संभावना नहीं है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में तथ्य क्या हैं तथा क्या सरकार ने राज सहायता की राशि में कमी लाने के लिए भारतीय खाद्य निगम के प्रशासनिक रख-रखाव, परिवहन और खाद्यान्न हानि के खर्चों को कम करने के लिए प्रयास किये हैं ; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो गत वर्ष की तुलना में इस वर्ष ये खर्चे कितने कम किये गये हैं ?

खाद्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री तरुण गोगोई) : (क) जी, हां। चावल और गेहूं के न्यूनतम समर्थन मूल्यों में वृद्धि होने और लेवी चीनी के निकासी मूल्य में वृद्धि होने के बाद मूल्यों में वृद्धि करनी पड़ी थी।

(ख) गेहूं, चावल और लेवी चीनी के केन्द्रीय निर्गम मूल्यों में हाल में हुई वृद्धि के कारण खाद्य राज सहायता में बचत राज्य सरकारों/संघ शासित देशों द्वारा सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली आदि के लिए स्टाक के वास्तविक उठान पर निर्भर करेगी।

(ग) जी, हां।

@@पूर्वतः अतारांकित प्रश्न 2290, 12 मार्च, 192 से स्थानांतरित।